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Subject: **Progress report on signatures and ratifications and on prospects in the field of judicial co-operation in civil matters**

Delegations will find attached the progress report on signatures and ratifications in the field of judicial co-operation in civil matters.

This report has been drawn up on the basis of the Member States' replies to the questionnaire prepared in this connection.

Progress report on signatures and ratifications and on prospects in this field

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Monitoring of the position on signatures and ratification

I. Introduction

In order to assess progress in this field, the Working Group periodically monitors the position on signatures and ratifications of the main Conventions in the field of judicial co-operation. which have been concluded within the European Communities and other international organizations. This monitoring takes the form of round-table reporting and results in drawing up a periodically updated table illustrating the position on signatures and ratification.

It should nevertheless be noted that current monitoring is rather limited in scope. No trace is left of the detailed information given by the delegations during the round-table discussions and the information mentioned in the table (signatures, ratifications) provides information only on the current position and not on the various Member States' intentions regarding ratification or the possible impediments preventing such ratification. Current monitoring does not therefore permit prospects regarding possible future progress to be assessed.

Within the context of the transition towards new working structures provided for by the Maastricht Treaty, the Presidency thinks it advisable that the Ministers of Justice should have at their disposal more detailed information on the situation in order to be able to determine the direction which should be taken to ensure improved judicial co-operation among the Twelve.

That is why a questionnaire (see Annex 1) was prepared as a basis for drawing up a more exhaustive table regarding the position on signatures and ratifications as well as prospects in this area. The aim of the exercise was to complement current knowledge of the situation as regards signatures and ratifications by providing information on:

1°- the intentions in this field (possibly mentioning the time-limit envisaged and the situation of internal procedures),

2°- the reasons for non-ratification (legal, political, technical and/or practical).

On the basis of information given by the various delegations, the Presidency has drawn up a summary document on the positions of Member States and the general trends which may be perceived from them.

II. **Progress report on signatures and ratifications** of Conventions on judicial co-operation in civil matters concluded within the European Communities and other international organizations and on **prospects**

A) Annex 2 Conventions:

1. CONVENTION ON JURISDICTION AND THE ENFORCEMENT OF JUDGMENTS IN CIVIL AND COMMERCIAL MATTERS
Brussels, 27.9.1968

Six States have signed and ratified this Convention- (Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands). Six States (Denmark, Spain, the United Kingdom, Greece, Ireland, Portugal) have not signed it as they were not EC members at the time the convention was opened for signature. (see Conventions on Accession below).

2. PROTOCOL ON THE INTERPRETATION BY THE COURT OF JUSTICE OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES OF THE CONVENTION OF 27 SEPTEMBER 1968 ON JURISDICTION IN CIVIL AND COMMERCIAL MATTERS
Brussels, 3.6.1971

Six States have signed and ratified the Protocol (Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands). Six States (Denmark, Spain, United Kingdom, Greece, Ireland and Portugal) have not signed it as they were not EC members at the time the Convention was opened for signature. (see Conventions on Accession below).

3. CONVENTION ON THE ACCESSION OF THE KINGDOM OF DENMARK, IRELAND AND THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND TO THE CONVENTION OF 27 SEPTEMBER 1968 ON JURISDICTION IN CIVIL AND COMMERCIAL MATTERS AND TO THE PROTOCOL OF 3 JUNE 1971 ON THE INTERPRETATION BY THE COURT OF JUSTICE OF THIS CONVENTION
Brussels, 9.10.1978

Nine States have signed and ratified the Convention. Greece, Portugal and Spain have not signed it as they were not EC members at the time the Convention was opened for signature.

4. CONVENTION ON THE ACCESSION OF THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC TO THE CONVENTION OF 27 SEPTEMBER 1968 ON JURISDICTION IN CIVIL AND COMMERCIAL MATTERS AND THE PROTOCOL OF 3 JUNE 1971 ON THE INTERPRETATION BY THE COURT OF JUSTICE OF THIS CONVENTION
Brussels, 25.10.1982

Ten States have signed and ratified the Convention. Spain and Portugal were not EC members.

5. CONVENTION ON THE ACCESSION OF THE KINGDOM OF SPAIN AND THE PORTUGUESE REPUBLIC TO THE CONVENTION OF 27 SEPTEMBER 1968 ON JURISDICTION IN CIVIL AND COMMERCIAL MATTERS AND TO THE PROTOCOL OF 3 JUNE 1971 ON THE INTERPRETATION OF THIS CONVENTION BY THE COURT OF JUSTICE OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES
San Sebastian, 26.5.1989

Nine States have signed and ratified the Convention (France, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Spain, the United Kingdom, Greece, Ireland and Portugal). Three States have signed the convention (Belgium, Denmark, Germany). These three States intend to ratify the Convention. In Belgium, the administrative procedure for the preparation of the bill of approval is in hand. A government bill exists in Germany and ratification is due to take place in 1995. Denmark at present has a legal impediment but should nevertheless soon be in a position to proceed with ratification.

6. CONVENTION ON JURISDICTION AND THE ENFORCEMENT OF JUDGMENTS IN CIVIL AND COMMERCIAL MATTERS
Lugano. 16.9.1988

Seven States have signed and ratified the Convention (France, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom, Ireland and Portugal). Four States have signed the convention (Belgium, Denmark, Greece and Germany). The ratification procedure is in hand in Belgium and in Greece. Ratification is due to take place in Germany in 1995. Denmark, although it has a legal impediment, should soon be able to proceed with ratification. Spain has not signed the convention but proposes to ratify it in the near future. Mistakes in the Spanish version have to date prevented Spain from signing and ratifying the convention.

7. CONVENTION ON THE LAW APPLICABLE TO CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS
Rome, 19.6.1980

Nine States have signed and ratified the Convention. Spain, Greece and Portugal were not EC members. (see Conventions on Accession below).

8. CONVENTION ON THE ACCESSION OF GREECE TO THE CONVENTION ON THE LAW APPLICABLE TO CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS
Luxembourg, 10.4.1984

Ten States have signed and ratified the Convention. Spain and Portugal were not EC members

9. FIRST PROTOCOL ON THE INTERPRETATION BY THE COURT OF JUSTICE OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES OF THE CONVENTION OF 19 JUNE 1980 ON THE LAW APPLICABLE TO CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS
Brussels, 19.12.1988

Five States have signed and ratified the first Protocol. (Italy, Luxembourg, Greece, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom). Six States have signed the Protocol (Belgium, Denmark, Ireland, France, Germany and Spain). Belgium, France, Germany and Spain intend to ratify the Protocol. Spain and France consider that they will be in a position to do so in 1994 and Germany in 1995. Denmark at present has a constitutional impediment. A referendum will have to be held in Ireland with a view to ratification. Portugal considers that it can be covered by the Convention on Accession (Convention 11).

10. SECOND PROTOCOL CONFERRING ON THE COURT OF JUSTICE OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES CERTAIN POWERS TO INTERPRET THE CONVENTION ON THE LAW APPLICABLE TO CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS
Brussels, 19.12.1988

Six States have signed and ratified the second Protocol (Italy, Luxembourg, Ireland, Greece, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom). Four States have only signed the Protocol (Belgium, France, Germany and Spain). Ratification procedures are in hand in each of these States. Spain and France plan to ratify it in 1994 and Germany in 1995. Denmark has neither signed nor ratified the Protocol. It intends to ratify it but at present has a constitutional impediment. Portugal considers that it can be covered by the Convention on Accession (Convention 11).

11. CONVENTION ON THE ACCESSION OF SPAIN AND PORTUGAL TO THE CONVENTION ON THE LAW APPLICABLE TO CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS
Funchal, 18.5.1992

Only two States have signed and ratified the Convention (the Netherlands and Spain). Portugal, which to date has only signed the Convention, is due to ratify it very soon. Nine other States have signed the Convention. Ratification procedures are in hand in each of these States (except Ireland). It is due to be ratified in 1994 in France and Luxembourg and in 1995 in Germany.

B) Annex 3 Conventions:

(a) CONVENTIONS CONCLUDED BETWEEN MEMBER STATES OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

1. CONVENTION ON THE MUTUAL RECOGNITION OF COMPANIES AND LEGAL PERSONS
Brussels, 29.2.1968

Five States have signed and ratified the Convention (Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg). The Netherlands has signed the Convention but does not intend to ratify it. Reasons of appropriateness prevent Spain from signing the Convention. The position of Spain could change if all EC partners ratified the Convention. Greece and Portugal have not signed the Convention. The United Kingdom, Ireland and Denmark have not signed the convention as they were not EC members in 1968. The United Kingdom does not intend to initiate the procedures necessary to ratify the Convention as it is not in

force (the Netherlands has not yet ratified it). The entry into force of the Convention would therefore appear to be very much in doubt.

2. CONVENTION ABOLISHING THE LEGALIZATION OF DOCUMENTS IN MEMBER STATES
Brussels, 25.5.1987

Three States have signed and ratified the Convention (Denmark, France and Italy). Six States have signed the Convention (Belgium, Greece, Portugal, Germany, Luxembourg and the Netherlands). Greece intends to ratify the Convention soon. Procedures are in hand in Portugal. The ratification procedure is in hand in Belgium. Germany does not intend to ratify the Convention since it considers that the latter has no raison d'être because of the Hague Convention of 5 October 1961 abolishing the requirement of legalization for foreign public documents, to which almost all EC members are parties. Luxembourg and the Netherlands will consider ratification as soon as all EC members have signed the Convention. Spain, Ireland and the United Kingdom have not signed the Convention. Spain has difficulties with Article 8 of the convention relating to the territorial scope of the Convention. The United Kingdom will consider ratification when Spain has solved the difficulty which at the moment prevents it from ratifying it. Ireland currently has a problem of a legal nature.

3. CONVENTION ON THE SIMPLIFICATION OF PROCEDURES FOR THE RECOVERY OF MAINTENANCE PAYMENTS
Rome, 6.11.1990

Only Italy has signed and ratified the Convention. Ten States have signed the Convention. The United Kingdom, Belgium, Denmark, France, Greece, Ireland, Portugal, Luxembourg and the Netherlands intend to ratify the Convention. In Belgium and France, consultations with a view to ratification are in hand. The United Kingdom and Denmark have difficulties of a domestic nature. Luxembourg and the Netherlands will consider ratification as soon as all other Member States of the European Communities have also ratified it. Germany does not intend to ratify the Convention as it has not been possible to reach agreement with the federal Länder. To date, Spain has been unable to sign the Convention as mistakes had crept into the Spanish version. As soon as these mistakes have been corrected, Spain will consider ratification. The short-term entry into force of the Convention would at the very least appear to be in doubt.

b. OTHER CONVENTIONS

1. CONVENTION ON THE SERVICE ABROAD OF JUDICIAL AND EXTRAJUDICIAL DOCUMENTS IN CIVIL AND COMMERCIAL MATTERS
The Hague, 15.11.1965

Eleven States have signed and ratified the Convention. Ireland has signed the Convention and is considering ratifying it.

2. CONVENTION ON THE TAKING OF EVIDENCE ABROAD IN CIVIL OR COMMERCIAL MATTERS
The Hague, 18.3.1970

Nine States have signed and ratified the Convention. Belgium, Greece and Ireland have neither signed nor ratified it. However, Belgium intends to ratify it within two or three years. A draft bill and an explanatory memorandum have been drawn up to that end.

3. CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL ACCESS TO JUSTICE
The Hague, 25.10.1980

Three States have signed and ratified the Convention (France, the Netherlands and Spain). Four States have signed the Convention (Germany, Italy, Luxembourg and Greece). Germany considers that because of the existence of other Conventions, there is no urgent need to ratify the Convention. The German position could nevertheless change depending on the general situation of ratification of the Convention. Luxembourg proposes to ratify the Convention at the end of 1994 as soon as the bill aimed at the approval of the Convention has been adopted by Parliament. Five States have neither signed nor ratified the Convention (Ireland, Portugal, Belgium, Denmark and the United Kingdom). Belgium intends ratifying the Convention. The preparatory administrative procedure of a bill of approval is in hand. In Denmark, the issue of ratification is the subject of discussion. The United Kingdom has raised an objection concerning Article 20 of the Convention relating to the immunity from prosecution of foreign witnesses taking part in proceedings in the United Kingdom.

4. EUROPEAN CONVENTION ON RECOGNITION AND ENFORCEMENT OF DECISIONS CONCERNING CUSTODY OF CHILDREN AND ON RESTORATION OF CUSTODY OF CHILDREN
Luxembourg, 20.5.1980

Eleven States have signed and ratified the Convention. Italy has signed the Convention and proposes to ratify it in 1994.

5. CONVENTION ON THE CIVIL ASPECTS OF INTERNATIONAL CHILD ABDUCTION
The Hague, 25.10.1980

Ten States have signed and ratified the Convention. Belgium and Italy have signed the Convention and propose ratifying it in 1995 and 1994, respectively.

6. CONVENTION ON THE PROTECTION OF INDIVIDUALS WITH REGARD TO AUTOMATIC PROCESSING OF PERSONAL DATA
Strasbourg, 28.1.1981

Nine States have signed and ratified the Convention. Italy, Portugal and Greece have signed the Convention. Ratification procedures are in hand in these three States.

7. CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD
New York, 20.11.1989

Ten States have signed and ratified the Convention. Luxembourg and the Netherlands have signed the Convention and propose to ratify it. The procedures necessary for ratification are in hand in both countries.

8. CONVENTION ON THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AND CO-OPERATION IN RESPECT OF INTERNATIONAL ADOPTION
The Hague, 29.5.1993

The Convention has not yet been signed by any State. The issue of the appropriateness of signing the Convention is being examined in Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Belgium and France. The United Kingdom, Germany, Italy, Greece, Portugal and Spain intend to sign the Convention. Denmark also intends to sign it but at the moment has legal and practical difficulties.

THE POSITION ON SIGNATURES AND RATIFICATION

Please find attached the tables relating to the situation on signatures and ratification of the Conventions regarding judicial co-operation concluded within the European Communities and other international organizations .

Heading (1) gives the date of signing of the Convention.

Heading (2) gives the date of ratification of the Convention.

Heading (3) mentions whether declarations, reservations and territorial declarations were made and early implementation indicated when the instrument of ratification was being lodged.

In heading (4), the intention to sign the Convention is indicated by a cross (X).

In heading (5), the intention to ratify the Convention is indicated by a cross (X).

In headings (4) and (5), the proposed date for the signing or ratification is given under the cross (X) whenever it was contained in the reply.

MEMBER STATES	Convention on jurisdiction and enforcement in civil and commercial matters 27.9.1968					Protocol on the interpretation by the EC Court of Justice of the Convention of 27.9.1968 on jurisdiction in civil and commercial matters 3.6.1971					Convention on the accession of Denmark, Ireland, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland 9.10.1978				
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
BELGIUM	27 09 68	16 02 71				03 06 71	20 09 73				09 10 78	21 08 86			
DENMARK											01 10 78	17 08 86	R		
FRANCE	27 09 68	01 02 73				03 06 71	01 09 75				03 02 84	01 11 86			
GERMANY	27 09 68	30 10 72	R			03 06 71	22 01 73				09 10 78	07 03 84			
GREECE															
IRELAND											09 10 78	31 03 88			
ITALY	27 09 68	11 08 72				03 06 71	18 06 75				09 10 78	07 05 81			
LUXEMBOURG	27 09 68	22 11 72				03 06 71	08 10 73				09 10 78	22 10 81			
NETHERLANDS	27 09 68	26 06 72				03 06 71	02 09 74				09 10 78	08 12 80			
PORTUGAL															
SPAIN															
UNITED KINGDOM											09 10 78	07 10 86			

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MEMBER STATES	Convention on the accession of Greece 25.10.1982					Convention on the accession of Spain and Portugal 26.5.1989					Convention on jurisdiction and the enforcement of judgments in civil and commercial matters 16.9.1988				
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
BELGIUM	25 10 82	21 08 86				26 05 89				X Procedure in hand	19 09 88				X Procedure in hand
DENMARK	25 10 82	17 08 86	R			26 05 89				X Shortly	16 09 88				X Shortly
FRANCE	25 10 82	27 02 84				26 05 89	17 10 90				14 12 89	03 08 90	R		
GERMANY	25 10 82	08 08 88				26 05 89				X In 1995	23 10 89				X In 1995
GREECE	25 10 82	19 01 89				26 05 89	07 04 92				16 09 88				X Procedure in hand
IRELAND	25 10 82	31 03 88				26 05 89	28 09 93				18 08 93	28 09 93			
ITALY	25 10 82	08 01 85				26 05 89	21 02 92				16 09 88	22 09 92			
LUXEMBOURG	25 10 82	27 04 84				26 05 89	07 11 91				16 09 88	05 11 91			
NETHERLANDS	25 10 82	19 07 83				26 05 89	11 04 90				07 02 89	23 01 90			
PORTUGAL						26 05 89	15 04 92				16 09 89	14 04 92			
SPAIN						26 05 89	22 11 90							X	
UNITED KINGDOM	25 10 82	31 07 89				26 05 89	13 09 91				18 09 89	05 02 92			

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MEMBER STATES	Convention on the law applicable to contractual obligations Rome, 19.6.1980					Convention on the accession of Greece to the Convention on the law applicable to contractual obligations 10.4.1984					First Protocol on the interpretation by the EC Court of Justice of the Convention of 19.6.1980 on the law applicable to contractual obligations, 19.12.1988				
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
BELGIUM	19 06 80	31 07 87				10 04 89	21 11 91				19 12 88				X Procedure in hand
DENMARK	10 05 81	07 01 86				10 04 84	03 07 86				19 12 88				X
FRANCE	19 06 80	10 11 83				10 04 84	10 02 86				19 12 88				X Procedure in hand
GERMANY	19 06 80	08 01 87	R			10 04 84	05 12 88				19 12 88				X In 1995
GREECE						10 04 84	29 09 88				19 12 88	08 05 92			
IRELAND	19 06 80	29 10 91	D			10 04 84	29 10 91				19 12 88				
ITALY	19 06 80	25 06 85	R			10 04 84	01 04 91				19 12 88	09 12 92			
LUXEMBOURG	19 06 80	01 10 86	R			10 04 84	01 10 86	D			19 12 88	13 08 92			
NETHERLANDS	19 06 80	21 06 91				10 04 84	14 07 92				19 12 88	21 06 91			
PORTUGAL															
SPAIN											19 12 88				X 1994
UNITED KINGDOM	07 12 81	29 01 91	R			10 04 84	29 01 91				19 12 88	29 01 91			

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MEMBER STATES	Second Protocol conferring powers on the EC Court of Justice certain powers to interpret the Convention on the law applicable to contractual obligations 19.12.1988					Convention on the accession of Spain and Portugal to the Convention on the law applicable to contractual obligations 18.5.1992					Convention on the mutual recognition of companies and legal persons 29.2.1968				
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
BELGIUM	19 12 88				X Procedure in hand	18 05 92				X Procedure in hand	29 02 68	25 08 70	R/D		
DENMARK				X		18 05 92				X Shortly					
FRANCE	19 12 88				X Procedure in hand	18 05 92				X In 1994	29 02 68	28 04 70	R		
GERMANY	19 12 88				X In 1995	18 05 92				X In 1995	29 02 68	28 12 72	R		
GREECE	19 12 88	08 05 92				18 05 92				X Procedure in hand					
IRELAND	19 12 88	29 10 91				18 05 92				Probably					
ITALY	19 12 88	09 12 92				18 05 92				X Shortly	29 02 68	04 10 71	D		
LUXEMBOURG	19 12 88	13 08 92				18 05 92				X In 1994	29 02 68	20 09 73	D		
NETHERLANDS	19 12 88	21 06 91				18 05 92	11 02 93				29 02 68				
PORTUGAL						18 05 92				X Shortly					
SPAIN	19 12 88				X 1994	18 05 92	02 06 93								
UNITED KINGDOM	19 12 88	29 01 91				18 05 92				X					

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MEMBER STATES	Convention abolishing the legalization of documents in EC Member States 25.5.1987					Convention on the simplification of procedures for the recovery of maintenance payments 6.11.1990					Convention on the service abroad of judicial and extrajudicial documents in civil and commercial matters 15.11.1965				
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
BELGIUM	25 05 87				X Procedure in hand	06 11 90				X In 2 to 3 years	21 01 66	19 11 70	D/R		
DENMARK	25 05 87	26 07 89	R			06 11 90				X	07 01 69	02 08 69	D		
FRANCE	25 05 87	12 12 91				02 02 93				X	12 01 67	03 07 72	R		
GERMANY	27 05 87					06 11 90					15 11 65	27 04 79	D		
GREECE	05 06 92				at the earliest opportunity	06 11 90				at the earliest opportunity	15 11 65	20 07 83	D		
IRELAND					X	06 11 90				X	20 10 89				X
ITALY	25 05 87	11 10 90	D			06 11 90	15 02 93	D			15 11 65	24 01 82	D		
LUXEMBOURG	25 05 87				X	02 09 91				X	27 10 71	09 07 75	D		
NETHERLANDS	25 05 87					06 11 90					15 11 65	03 11 75	D		
PORTUGAL	25 05 87				Procedure in hand	06 11 90				Procedure in hand	05 07 71	27 12 73	D		
SPAIN									X		21 10 76	04 06 87	D		
UNITED KINGDOM						06 11 90				X	10 12 65	17 11 67			

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MEMBER STATES	Convention on the taking of evidence abroad in civil or commercial matters 18.3.1970					Convention on international access to justice 25.10.1980					European Convention on recognition and enforcement of decisions concerning custody of children 20.5.1980				
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
BELGIUM				X In 1 year	X In 2 to 3 years				X shortly	X As soon as possible	20 05 80	01 10 85			
DENMARK	18 04 72	20 06 72	D						X Possible		11 04 91	11 04 91	R		
FRANCE	24 08 72	07 08 74	D			25 10 80	22 12 82				20 05 80	04 08 82			
GERMANY	18 03 70	27 04 79	D			25 10 80					20 05 80	05 10 90	D/R		
GREECE						25 10 80					20 05 80	08 03 93	D/R		
IRELAND											20 05 80	28 06 91			
ITALY	06 02 75	22 06 82	D			26 05 88					20 05 80				X In 1994
LUXEMBOURG	02 05 75	26 07 77			X	13 04 81				X End 1994	20 05 80	25 05 83	D		
NETHERLANDS	28 02 79	08 04 81	D			15 09 89	02 03 92	D/R			20 05 80	23 05 90			
PORTUGAL	18 03 70	12 03 75	R/D								20 05 80	18 03 83			
SPAIN	21 10 76	22 05 87				12 01 87	08 02 88	D			20 05 80	30 05 84	D/R		
UNITED KINGDOM	18 03 70	16 07 76									20 05 80	21 04 86			

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MEMBER STATES	Convention on the civil aspects of international child abduction 25.10.1980					Convention on the protection of individuals with regard to automatic processing of personal data 28.1.1981					Convention on the rights of the child 20.11.1989				
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
BELGIUM	11 01 82				X In 2 years	07 05 82	28 05 93	D/R			26 01 90	16 12 91	D/R		
DENMARK	17 04 91	17 04 91	R			28 01 81	06 10 89	R			26 01 90	19 07 90	R		
FRANCE	25 10 80	16 09 82	D			28 01 81	24 03 83				26 01 90	07 08 90	D		
GERMANY	09 09 87	27 09 90	R/D			28 01 81	19 06 85	D			26 01 90	06 03 92			
GREECE	25 10 80	19 03 93	R/D			28 01 81				Procedure in hand	26 01 90	11 05 93			
IRELAND	23 05 90	16 07 91				18 12 86	25 04 90				30 09 90	28 09 92			
ITALY	02 03 87				X In 1994	02 02 83				X In 1994	26 01 90	05 09 91			
LUXEMBOURG	18 12 84	08 10 86	D		X	28 01 81	10 02 88	D			21 03 90				X Shortly
NETHERLANDS	11 09 87	12 06 90	R			21 01 88	24 08 93	D			26 01 90				X
PORTUGAL	22 06 82	29 09 83				14 05 81				Shortly	26 01 90	21 09 90			
SPAIN	07 02 86	16 06 87	D			28 01 81	31 01 84				26 01 90	06 12 90			
UNITED KINGDOM	19 11 84	20 05 86				14 05 81	26 08 87				19 04 90	16 12 91	R		

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MEMBER STATES	Convention on the protection of children and co-operation in respect of international adoption 29.5.1993														
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
BELGIUM				X											
DENMARK				X											
FRANCE				X											
GERMANY				X In 1994											
GREECE				X											
IRELAND															
ITALY				X											
LUXEMBOURG				X											
NETHERLANDS				X											
PORTUGAL				X											
SPAIN				X											
UNITED KINGDOM				X	X										

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